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Industries in the Ceded Districts.

* 65 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what further steps are proposed to stimulate suitable industries in the Ceded Districts in view of the recurring famines?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government have under their active consideration a proposal for the appointment of a separate Development Commissioner for drawing up comprehensive proposals for the integrated development and rehabilitation of the Ceded Districts. The question of providing block grants for the development of the tract is also under consideration. The reconstitution of the Ceded District Economic Development Board is also engaging the attention of the Government. A monograph on the development of the Ceded Districts showing all the problems that call for solution and suggestions for various lines of development is under preparation.

" In this connexion the attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given on 28th March 1947 by Hon. Minister (Public Works) on the floor of the Assembly to a question put by Sri S. Nagappa, M.L.A.—vide starred question No. 464 in the printed copy of the Madras Legislative Assembly Proceedings, Volume V, No. 3, dated 28th March 1947."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I am very grateful to the Hon. Minister for giving me more information than I wanted. May I know when these proposals that are under the active consideration of Government likely to fructify?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" They are likely to fructify very early." (Laughter.)

Allotment of spindles.

* 66 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the allottees of spindles, and if they are companies, the names of the managing agents and the partners thereof, with their occupation and residences and the number of spindles allotted to each;

(*b*) whether the allottees have secured sites and erected buildings and taken necessary action to ensure the establishment of textile mills and installation of machinery and other equipments therein;

(*c*) whether the Government have addressed any communication to the allottees and if so, what is the nature of such communication and what replies have been received from each of them;

(*d*) whether the Government have cancelled any of the allotments made, for the reason that the allottees have no intention of establishing textile mills; and